



Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
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**SUPERIOR COURT – ALAMEDA COUNTY
ANNOUNCES OPENING OF FAMILY LAW DEPARTMENT AT FREMONT
HALL OF JUSTICE**

The Superior Court – Alameda County is pleased to announce that beginning October 16, 2006 the court will increase the level of service provided to family law litigants and attorneys at the Fremont Hall of Justice.

A full-service family law department has been created to hear all proceedings in all types of family law matters arising within the cities of Fremont, Newark, Union City, and the unincorporated areas of Washington Township. All family law matters that are within these geographic limits and are filed on or after October 16, 2006 will now be heard at the Fremont Hall of Justice. However, proceedings brought by the Alameda County Department of Child Support Services will continue to be heard at the Hayward Hall of Justice.

Presiding Judge George C. Hernandez has assigned Commissioner Thomas Nixon to Department 601 in the Fremont Hall of Justice to hear all family law matters. Hearings will be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Presiding Judge Hernandez stated, "Our court has established this department in Fremont to help fulfill the promise of court unification: increasing public access to our justice system." Judge Dan Grimmer, Supervising Judge of the Fremont Hall of Justice noted, "The time has long since come that the families of the Tri-City area have available to them locally the full range of services provided by our family court." Judge Yolanda Northridge, Presiding Judge of Family Law, commented, "This is one of several steps the court has taken to respond to the needs of families and children in Alameda County."

Litigants or attorneys with existing family law cases arising within the cities of Fremont, Newark, Union City, and unincorporated areas of Washington Township who would like to transfer their case to Department 601 in Fremont may file a motion in the Department where the case is currently assigned.

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